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Witnesses attending convention

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Several delegates from two local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses are expected to attend the denomination's area convention Thursday through Sunday, June 24 in the Broadbent Arena, Louisville, Ky.

Cecil Greig, an elder in the northside congregation, is scheduled to speak at the closing session. His topic will be "The Honor of Bearing Jehovah's Name."

The Louisville meeting is one of 119 district conventions, and the first of four planned in the Broadbent Arena this summer by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York with the theme "Kingdom Increase."

This year also marks the centennial of the movement founded as a Bible-study group in Pittsburgh, Pa., in the late 1870s by Charles Taze Russell. By 1884, the group had grown to the point a corporation was formed to handle business affairs and assume responsibility for printing.

The corporation was known as the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, and the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" was not used in connection with the organization until 1931 during a convention at Columbia, Ohio.

It was only a few years later — in 1935, according to Watchtower spokesman Michael Bowman — that a small group of eight to 10 local individuals began meeting in the home of John Stevens, now deceased. Four members of that original group are still active members of the Terre Haute congregation, Bowman said.

By the late 1930's membership had grown sufficiently to enable establishment of a Kingdom Hall in the 1200 block of Wabash Avenue, the congregation moving in 1940 to 14th and Wabash and constructing an addition to a building already on site.

In 1960, the membership split to form two groups with a combined membership estimated at about 200, Bowman said.

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Building Dedication Slated by Congregation

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A dedication program for a new Kingdom Hall at 2400 S 25th St has been planned by the south congregation of Jehovah s Witnesses for this weekend The public is invited to the ceremony which will take place at the S 25th Street location on Saturday and is to be highlighted by a 9 30 a m talk at the Cinema I theatre on Sunday

The recently completed building was the result of much planning by the southside congregation and has the seating capacity of nearly 300 persons Construction of the building took one year, and, except for hiring a very limited number of persons, the majority of the labor was that of a donated basis.

The Saturday program begins at 9 a m with Raymond Padgett, RR 3, West Terre Haute, taking the lead in field service, and distribution of a special tract county-wide Open house on Saturday will extend from 2 to 4 p m with the public cordially invited

The Saturday evening program will open with music at 6 50 Walter L. Huff of 104 S 17th St , will conduct the welcome, followed by Michael Mills, Pine Forest Mobile Home Park, giving the history of the Terre Haute congregations of Jehovah s Witnesses Then Allen Young, 2731 Harrison Ave will review the construction highlights of the new Terre Haute Kingdom Hall

At 7 40 p m , L K Greenless will discuss "Yielding Our Best for Jehovah " Greenless, along with his wife, will be in Terre Haute as a feature speaker of the dedication ceremony He is from Brooklyn, N Y , and will represent the headquarters of Jehovah s Wintnesses

Closing the Saturday night meeting will be David L. Padgett, Pine Forest Mobile Park

In expectation of a crowd on Sunday morning the dedication program is to move to Cinema I theatre, Honey Creek Square. At 9 25 a m. T M Green, 3240 Idaho St., will conduct the welcome with the opening prayer being handled by W E. Green, 1457 S 29th St.

Following the prayer Greenless then speaks at the theatre on the subject "Hehovah Shepherds His Own Drove " The North side congregation of Jehovah s Witnesses, Sunday meetings will be cancelled so individuals may attend

Following Greenless' talk, R. L. Botner with the help of a small group, will summarize a recent Watchtower magazine. Botner, 3636 Sheridan Road, will cover material from the magazine

At 11 05 a m on Sunday, Greenless will make his concluding comments at Cinema I theatre To draw the dedication activity to a close, open house is to be held Sunday afternoon at the 2400 S. 25th St. address

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Jehovah's Witnesses Move Into New Building

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Terre Haute Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, South Unit, is now using a new Kingdom Hall located at 2400 S. 25th St. Several meetings have been held at the new building recently.

The official opening dedication of the structure has not yet been set, but is expected to take place in the near future. Persons who have attended activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in the past, are invited to all scheduled meetings at the new location.

Scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, is a public talk "Are You Benefiting from the Triumph of God's Purpose?" Speaker for the 9:30 a.m. arrangement is David Padgett, RR 3, West Terre Haute.

Other meetings held regularly at the South 25th Street site are: Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, also 7 p.m.

The north unit congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, located 3096 N. 16th St., has the same subject on tap for Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Speaker for this service is to be Charles E. Myers of 2948 S. 5th St.

Both public talks center around material taken from the book, "God's Eternal Purpose Now Triumphing for Man's Good." This book, released last summer at the international assemblies of Jehovah's Witnesses, has been the basis for several talks given recently and will continue to be used for four weeks to complete the series. A copy of the book can be obtained at either hall location or from any of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Jehovah Seminar In Terre Haute

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THE WHEELS of assembly organization are beginning to turn as once again hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses prepare for their semi-annual seminar to be held in the National Guard Armory, November 14-16.

Mr. Russell L. Greene, circuit supervisor for Jehovah's witnesses announced the coming convention at a meeting of department managers and their assistants in Greencastle last week. He outlined the different departments that will be needed for the smooth operation of the assembly where upwards of 1,500 delegates will be present. Greene stated that 22 departments have been set up to program the affair. Scores of witnesses will spend hundreds of hours in preparing for the meet.

Greene said, "Jehovah's witnesses have been holding Bible training conventions for over 50 years and have become experts in preparing and holding large gatherings. These departments are organized to distribute the many responsibilities that arise when a large group meets in assembly."

The cafeteria and refreshment de-

partments work hard to plan and prepare fine meals and snacks for those attending. Another large and important department is the cleaning department. There will be a never ending job of keeping the armory clean. Their motto is; "If it is on the floor, pick it up." At the conclusion of their seminar the armory will be completely cleaned.

Greene's responsibilities in connec- with the meet not only consist of overseeing the mechanics of it, but also arranging and rehearsing the talks, discussions and demonstrations, These will center around the theme, "Right Kind of Ministers." Many hours of research and rehearsing will be needed to make the gathering a success.

Mr. Floyd Wiley, presiding minister of the North Unit congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses said that local witnesses were already at work preparing for the convocation slated for the armory. "We are looking forward to this opportunity to be host to our "brothers" and "sisters" throughout the area," Wiley stated.

The purpose of this convention is to aid the witnesses to better Bible understanding. The highlight will be the lecture, "True Worship Versus the False" Sunday, Nov. 16 at three p.m.

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